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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

1902-13

(Genl. Misc.)

File. No. 302-12

Serial Nos. 1-5

Papers Filed.

Month June 1913

SUBJECT.

Re certain allegations against the Amildar of Hunsur by the Government Mail Contractor at Mysore.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.

VLL 23.7.13

K-N-Krishnaswamy 24.6.13

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Routine Notes.

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Copy of Residency letter regarding certain allegations against the Amildar of Hunsur by the Govt. mail Contractor at Mysore is submitted to the Dewan.

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1/4/13 Registrar

Secretary will kindly note this is a special case & for immediate attention

3.4.13 Rb

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Report has been called for already. Please let me know if reply is not received by the 15th

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N. B — Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied or slips pasted on this form.

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2	To The D. C. Mupone. G. 6086 of 4-4-13. Forwards Copy of the letter no M. J. 45 of 22-3-13 referred to above & of its enclosure & requests him to furnish at an early date a full & detailed report on the facts of the case
3.	From the Dy Com^r Mupone Dis^t. No. 566 of the 5^th April 1913. Submits the report called for in Sl^r abowe.

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(3) The Amildar has explained in detail in his report, (in English) what took place on the evening in question. The version of the Tonga servants contained in the communication of the postal authorities appears very improbable. The Tonga Agent says that the mails were delayed at Bilikere for about two hours owing to the occurrence as described by his men, and that therefore the mails arrived at Mercara late by an hour and forty minutes, making up twenty minutes in the run beyond Bilikere. With

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(5) Please put up drafts & a reply to the Residency detailing the facts of the cases as reported by the Dewan & the Dep^y Com^r. saying that there is so far as the Durbar is aware no justification for Mr Dalamjee's complaint about the growing hostility of the Bhyrum officers towards him. The cheek manager incidents about which Mr Dalamjee has commented as having occurred in the Taluka have been stated by the Dharmadhyaksha himself to be due to the wrongful act of the local agent in trying to force his way into the road which had been closed for the day. In the present instance the real facts have been grossly distorted & misrepresented & instead of a detention of half an hour at Belsar it was detained there for only a few minutes. Even this would not have happened if Mr Dalamjee's driver had not been insolent & had obeyed orders. Govt cannot help observing that incidents of this kind complained of by Mr D. have been many in the case of his recent insolence and

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Submitted to His Highness.

I submit for information Residency letter No. 1064 dated 1st April 1913 enclosing a letter from the Post Master General, Madras, regarding certain allegations made by Mr. Pallonjee, the Government Mail Contractor at Mysore, against the Amildar of Hunsur, Mr. R.A.Narasimha Iyengar, and desiring to be acquainted with the facts of the case.

2. The facts of the case are detailed in the accompanying draft reply to the Residency, which may be approved.

"Draft for approval".

3. As the case is of some importance, the papers are submitted for His Highness' information and orders.

M. Krishnaraja,
1st May 1913.

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4	To. The F. A. Resident. P.O.C. 95/D 12-5-13. with reference to Sl 1, informs him of the facts of the case as ascertained from the Local officers Resubmitted for orders with a draft with reference to para 5 of this office letter of the 12th. instant to the Residency. H. SR 30/5/13. (See 7) SPR 30/5 Appd. Please note that for 5 & 6 below & Sl 3 the charge sheet 1 SD 30/5 Issue SR 30/5 SPR
5	To. The D. C. Mysore thro!
6.	To The Revenue Comr. C. 7754 D 2-6-13. Records Sl 3 with the remark that the Amildar Mr. R. A. Narasimha Iyengar was wrong and ill-advised in ordering the personal chastisement of the syce.

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Enclosure to No. 1

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Letter No. M.J. 45, dated the 22nd March 1913, from the Postmaster-General, Madras, to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

I send you a copy of a letter from Mr. Pallonjee, the mail contractor on the Mysore-Mercara line. I did not report the previous incident to you which occurred in Chickmagalure as the local agent was in the wrong in attempting to take the tonga along a road which had been closed to traffic by order of the Deputy Commissioner. I think, however, that Mr. Pallonjee has good reason for his statement that he is being subjected to unnecessary annoyance; and on the present occasion though I have only heard his version of the affair the action of the Amildar appears to deserve serious notice. It is in the interests of the public and of Coorg particularly that no unnecessary interference on the part of Mysore Subordinate officials with the passage of the mails should be permitted. If you take the same view I should be glad if you would bring the matter to the notice of the Government of Mysore or take whatever other steps you think desirable.

COPY,

H. S. Trumbull Esqr

Registrar.

Resident's Office.

Enclosure to No. (1) (2)

Copy of a communication dated the 4th March 1913, from Mr. P. Pallonjee, Government Mail Contractor, Mysore, to the Superintendent of Post Offices, Mysore Division.

Your No. 9848 of date.

In returning the time bill dated the 23rd ultimo, regarding the delay to the mail tonga, I beg to state as follows:-

1. The tonga left Mysore at 4-15 p.m., reached Belikere at about 6-30 p.m., where whilst changing the ponies, a country cart loaded with water came from behind and the cartman wanted the tonga to make way for his cart. My men told him that - - they were changing the ponies and requested the cartman to wait just for 5 minutes. Thereupon the cartman got annoyed and assaulted my syce and went and fetched the Police, who took my syce before the Amildar of Hunsur, who was camping at Belikere. The Amildar beat and ill-treated my syce and when the syce remonstrated had him beaten by others also. The Amildar further wanted all the mail bags &c. to be unloaded and weighed in his presence. The coachman refused to unload them and told the Amildar that he might do so, on his own responsibility. The Amildar finding that no heavy weight to weigh the mails could be procured, kept quiet, and gave no orders to the driver either to stay or proceed. All this - - occupied nearly 2 hours. Immediately afterwards the tonga started and arrived Mercara late by an hour and 40 minutes.

The cartman, I am given to understand, was carrying water for the use of the Amildar. There were 2 passengers in the tonga one of whom I traced to Bagamandla (Coorg). In answer to my letter of enquiry addressed to his master Mr. J.S. Finlayson, I got a reply giving the statement of the passenger, his writer. I send the reply in original to you for perusal and favour of return. I also enclose copies of letters received from my overseer at Hunsur and my agent at Mercara in this matter. The originals of these 2 letters I have personal-

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obliged to move the Chief Court for transfer to another district. You will observe that in consequence of the above - stated action on the part of the Mysore authorities heavy expenditure of money has been entailed on me with loss of time, energy and reputation. I have been working under the Postal Department in the Mysore State as mail tonga contractor from the year 1893. The postal authority appreciated the good work I have been doing during all this period. Until January 1912 there had not been a case or complaint against my agents or drivers. All of a sudden on the 31st December 1911 my mail tonga carrying His Majesty's mails was stopped in the middle of the road by the Chickmagalur Police and the agent and the driver and syce arrested, the animals were sent to the pound, the tonga harness seized and the mails taken possession of by the police. In spite of all these acts of high-handedness and illegality which were duly brought to the notice of the Postal officers they took no action in the matter and left me to my own fate at the tender mercy of the - - Mysore Police. The Postal act VI of 1898 section 67 &c., clearly provides that no one excepting the Viceroy in Council can stop His Majesty's mails and even at the Delhi Coronation Durbar in December 1911, I witnessed that whilst all vehicular traffic was stopped for the procession, His Majesty's mails were allowed to pass along the road in a mail van unmolested. While so much importance is attached to His Majesty's mails, it is no small wonder that the action of the Mysore Police in Chickmagalur should have remained unnoticed by the Postal authorities. This indifference on the part of the Postal - - officers has apparently encouraged the officers of the Mysore State to deal in a most arbitrary manner with me. If the Postal officers had obtained for me an opportunity for proving the truth of the complaints mentioned in my said enclosed petition, I should have been saved a world of worry, trouble and loss of money. Without giving me a hearing or requiring my explanation the Postal officers have, behind my back, - -

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Serial No. 2

Diary No. of letter replied to

No. G 6086 (E. 2)

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To

The Dy Collr,

Negore Distt.

Date of issue 4-4-13

Signed by Mr B Ramaswamy

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a letter no. M.J. 45 dated the 22nd March 1913 & of its Enclosure, from the Postmaster General Madras, to the First Asstt to the Hon'ble the Resident in Negore

over.

SUBJECT.

regarding certain allega-
tions against the Accountant
of Bombay made by the
Post Master Contractors at
Aleppo against the
Assistant Accountant
and to request that
Post may be furnished at a very early
date,
with a full & detailed
report on the facts of the
case

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Agreed

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Confidential.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

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Dated, Mysore, 5th April 1913.

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From

K.Chandy, Esquire, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

To

K.R.Srinivasiengar, Esquire, M.A.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore
General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

Adverting to Government Order No.G.6086/G.M.302-12-2 dated the 4th April 1913, I beg to forward herewith the file in the matter as per ferist, which gives both Mr.Pollongee's version and the Amildar's version about the incident at Bilikere of a Syce belonging to the Tonga/ Mail Service being assaulted.

It will be noticed that there is not a scrap of written complaint in the file by Mr.Pallonjee himself. It is a fact that Mr.Pallonjee asked me to depute an Assistant Commissioner to go with him in cognito and overhear his conversation with a man in Hunsur about this incident, but at that time neither the Sub Division Officer, nor the District Superintendent of Police happened to be in town; and Mr.Pallonjee wanted this not for purpose of an enquiry, but in order that I might be satisfied that there was truth in his version.

After some days, after getting the Amildar's explanation I told Mr.Pallonjee what the Amildar's version was, Viz that the Amildar got the syce beaten (lightly) for drunkeness and impertinence, as was suggested to the Amildar by Mr.Pallonjee's &&& own driver. Mr.Pallonjee then requested me to return the original letters that he had given to me at the first interview as he proposed to prosecute the Amildar. The letters were returned to him accordingly, and as he intended a criminal prosecution, I did not consider it expedient to take any further action at that stage.

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From

The Deputy Commissioner
Nyasa District

To

The Secretary to the
Govt of Nyasa
Govt & Rev. Dept

Dated 5th April 1913

Despatched

Received

General No. 566

No.

Enclosure No. One file

Forwarding the file
re the accidental
Bilitoro of a Syce be-
longing to a Tonga
Mail Service being
assaulted

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

Mr J. A. Resideiro.

Date of issue

Signed by

Sir,

With reference to your letter no. 2064 dated the 1st April 1913 regarding the Abstractions alleged to have been caused by the Amelda Bunsen to the passage of the Mazoni-Mercara Mail Conga at Bickere, on the 23rd February last,

over.

SUBJECT.

I am directed to state for the information of the Hon'ble the Resident that the facts of the case as ascertained from the local officers are as follows:-

~~It would appear~~ that on the evening of the 23rd Feb: last, the mail longa was standing in the middle of the road at Bilikere, when ~~a water~~ a Convict in charge of a water cart ~~a water cart of the aforesaid (who~~ ~~cart was ordered to pass~~ ~~in advance of the~~ servant of the Guardian (who was then encamped in the village) passed this way. The servants in charge of the cart wanted the ~~drivers in charge~~ longa men ~~of the longa~~ to ~~take it to~~ one side of the road to make way for ~~his water~~ the cart. ~~The men~~ But as they refused to move the longa ~~& when~~ ~~the Guardian's servant~~

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The Auditor wanted
to have the luggage etc in
the longa weighed with a
view to taking action
under the Act for the pre-
vention of Cruelty to
Animals; but as it was
~~the~~ represented that it
~~would take a long time~~ to
unload the luggage ~~etc~~
and that the mail ~~would be~~
considerably delayed thereby
the ~~Auditor~~ permitted
the longa to proceed on its
journey, after warning
an assurance against
such overloading in future.
The whole of the above in-
cident is said to have
occupied not more than
10 minutes.

As regards the delay
of 1 hour & 40 minutes
in the arrival of the mail

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Longa at Mercara, it is
reported by the Conductor &
the Peon as having
been due mar to the overloading
of the Longa rather Heavy
its detention at Belikere
which as stated before,
is said to have not exceeded
~~about 10 minutes. It is~~ It is reported
~~also explained~~ that though
Belikere is only 16 miles
from Mysore, the Longa was
about ½ an hour late in
arriving there & in the the
heavy load it was carrying
there was nothing extra-
ordinary in the ~~Longa~~ Loosing another
1 hour & 10 minutes in the
journey of 58 miles between
Belikere & Mercara.

Under the circumstances
reported, the ~~Dunbar Coach~~ the Dunbar coach cannot help feeling
~~help thinking~~ that the * delay in her arrival was
Mail Contractor's ~~coach~~

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mail Longa at Mercara was due ~~shortly~~
noon by the messengers that Longa that it is determined to at Belikere
the interval for ~~rest~~ abt 10 minutes and that ~~the~~ in the

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the repetition of such occurrences as has one more adequate ~~incidents~~ can easily be avoided.

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The man behaved insolently and defiant-ly, being apparently under the influence of drink. His improper behaviour was noticed by the driver of the tonga, Atma by name, who interceded on his behalf and asked the Amildar to let him off with a light chastisement. Accordingly, the Amildar directed one of his servants to give the syce a slap on the face and warned him to be careful not to obstruct traffic in future.

3. Presently, the tonga passed the Amildar who, observing that it was overloaded, wanted to have the luggage etc. in the tonga weighed with a view to taking action under the Act for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, as there had been frequent complaints of cruelty to the tonga ponies (Vide correspondence ending with this office letter No. Pol. 887 dated 19th April 1913). But as it was represented to the Amildar that it would delay the Mail, he permitted the

the tonga to proceed on its journey after warning the driver against such overloading in future. The whole of the above incident is said to have occupied not more than ten minutes.

4. As regards the delay of one hour and forty minutes in the arrival of the Mail tonga at Mercara, it is reported to have been due more to the overloading of the tonga than to the detention at Belikare for a few minutes. Though the distance from Mysore to Belikere is only ~~16~~ 17 miles, the tonga is said to have been half an hour late in its arrival there; and there is therefore nothing surprising that, with the heavy load it was carrying, it lost one hour and ten minutes more before reaching Mercara, which is ~~58~~ 61 miles from Belikere.

5. In the above circumstances, the Durbar are of opinion that Mr. Pallonji's version of the affair is highly exaggerated, and that he has put

put it forward apparently with a desire to escape the penalty for the late arrival of the tonga at Mercara. At the same time the Durbar consider that the Amildar was wrong and should not in ordering the personal chastisement of the syce and they have directed the Deputy Commissioner to convey to him their displeasure at his conduct.

6. As regards the Mail contractor's complaint that the Mysore officers have been showing a steadily growing spirit of ~~great~~ hostility towards him, the Durbar consider that, ~~they cannot pass over it without a few words of comment~~. So far as they ~~Durbar~~ are aware, there is no justification whatever for the complaint ~~of the contractor~~. The Chickmagalur incident on which Mr. Pollonji has expatiated at length in his letter was, as stated by the Post Master General himself, caused by the wrongful act of his local agent in trying to take

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

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Date of issue 2nd June 13

Signed by Mr K.R.Srinivas

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. 566 dated the 5th April 1913 from the Dy. Comr of the Nyasa Dt. reporting upon a complaint against

ORDER THEREON—No

of Mr. Pallonji, Nyasa Tuscana Mail Tonga Contractor regarding the obstruction caused by the Amildar of the Hunsur taluk to the passage of the Mail tonga at Bilikere on the

P.T. over.

SUBJECT.

23rd Feb. 1913 and his ill-treatment of the Syce in charge of it on that occasion.

Order Thereon No. G.775/2 & 9-5-13

Recorded with the remark that the Amildar, Mr. R.A. Narasimha Iyengar was wrong and ill-advised in ordering the personal chastisement of the Syce. ~~and with the direction~~ Govt directed that their displeasure at his conduct should be conveyed to him.

Govt Secy to Govt. 10/5

To The Dy Comr, Mysore-dt.,

Returning the enclosures to his letter.

(Manager has no comments)

Govt